

SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF STUDY.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall complete a study of the Study Area.

(b) **INCLUSIONS.**—The study shall determine, through appropriate analysis and documentation, whether the Study Area—

(1) includes an assemblage of natural, historical, and cultural resources that represent distinctive aspects of the heritage of the United States that—

(A) are worthy of recognition, conservation, interpretation, and continued use; and

(B) would best be managed—

(i) through partnerships among public and private entities; and

(ii) by combining diverse and, in some cases, noncontiguous resources and active communities;

(2) reflects traditions, customs, beliefs, and folklore that are a valuable part of the story of the United States;

(3) provides outstanding opportunities to conserve natural, historical, cultural, or scenic features;

(4) provides outstanding recreational and educational opportunities;

(5) contains resources important to any theme of the Study Area that retains a degree of integrity capable of supporting interpretation;

(6) includes residents, business interests, nonprofit organizations, and State and local governments that—

(A) are involved in the planning of the Study Area;

(B) have developed a conceptual financial plan that outlines the roles of all participants for development and management of the Study Area, including the Federal Government; and

(C) have demonstrated support for the concept of a national heritage area;

(7) has a potential management entity to work in partnership with residents, business interests, nonprofit organizations, and State and local governments to develop a national heritage area consistent with continued State and local economic activity; and

(8) is depicted on a conceptual boundary map that is supported by the public.

(c) **CONSULTATION.**—In conducting the study, the Secretary shall consult with—

(1) State historic preservation officers;

(2) State historical societies; and

(3) other appropriate organizations.

(d) **REPORT.**—Not later than 3 fiscal years after the date on which funds are made available to carry out this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report on the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the study.

SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There is authorized to be appropriated \$300,000 to carry out this Act.

DESIGNATING WILSON CREEK AS A COMPONENT OF THE NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the following bill, Calendar No. 638, H.R. 1749.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1749) to designate Wilson Creek in Avery and Caldwell Counties, North Carolina, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that any committee amendments be agreed to, where appropriate, the bill be read the third time and passed, any title amendments be agreed to, as necessary, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 1749) was read the third time and passed.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration en bloc of the following two bills: Calendar No. 631, S. 610, and Calendar No. 741, S. 2279.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bills by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 610) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management in Washakie County and Big Horn County, Wyoming, to the Westside Irrigation District, Wyoming, and for other purposes.

A bill (S. 2279) to authorize the addition of land to Sequoia National Park, and for other purposes.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that any committee amendments be agreed to, where appropriate, the bills be read the third time and passed, any title amendments be agreed to, as necessary, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bills be printed in the RECORD, with the above occurring en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CONVEYANCE OF LAND IN WASHAKIE COUNTY AND BIG HORN COUNTY, WYOMING TO THE WESTSIDE IRRIGATION DISTRICT, WYOMING

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 610) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management in Washakie County and Big Horn County, Wyoming, to the Westside Irrigation District, Wyoming, and for other purposes, which had been reported by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic:

SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—On completion of an environmental analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management (referred to in this Act as the "Secretary"), shall convey to the Westside Irrigation District, Wyoming (referred to in this Act as "Westside"), all right, title, and interest (excluding the mineral interest) of the United States in and to such portions of the Federal land in Big Horn County and Washakie County, Wyoming, described in subsection (c), as the district enters into an agreement with the Secretary to purchase.

(b) **PRICE.**—The price of the land conveyed under subsection (a) shall be equal to the appraised value of the land, as determined by the Secretary.

(c) LAND DESCRIPTION.

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The land referred to in subsection (a) is the approximately 16,500 acres of land in Big Horn County and Washakie County, Wyoming, as depicted on the map entitled "Westside Project" and dated May 9, 2000.

(2) **ADJUSTMENT.**—On agreement of the Secretary and Westside, acreage may be added to or subtracted from the land to be conveyed as necessary to satisfy any mitigation requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

(d) **USE OF PROCEEDS.**—Proceeds of the sale of land under subsection (a) shall be deposited in a special account in the Treasury of the United States and shall be available to the Secretary of the Interior, without further Act of appropriation, for the acquisition of land and interests in land in the Worland District of the Bureau of Land Management in the State of Wyoming that will benefit public recreation, public access, fish and wildlife habitat, or cultural resources.

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill (S. 610), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

AUTHORIZING ADDITION OF LAND TO SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2279) to authorize the addition of land to Sequoia National Park, and for other purposes, which was ordered to be engrossed for the third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 2279

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. ADDITION TO SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall acquire by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or exchange, all interest in and to the land described in subsection (b) for addition to Sequoia National Park, California.

(b) **LAND ACQUIRED.**—The land referred to in subsection (a) is the land depicted on the map entitled "Dillonwood", numbered 102/80,044, and dated September 1999.

(c) **ADDITION TO PARK.**—On acquisition of the land under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

(1) add the land to Sequoia National Park;

(2) modify the boundaries of Sequoia National Park to include the land; and

(3) administer the land as part of Sequoia National Park in accordance with all applicable law (including regulations).

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration en bloc of the following two bills: Calendar No. 634, S. 2352, and Calendar No. 666, S. 2020.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bills by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2352) to designate portions of the Wekiva River and associated tributaries as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

A bill (S. 2020) to adjust the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, Mississippi, and for other purposes.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that any committee amendments be agreed to, where appropriate, the bills be read the third time and passed, any title amendments be agreed to, as necessary, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bills be printed in the RECORD, with the above occurring en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

WEKIVA WILD AND SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATION ACT

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2352) to designate portions of the Wekiva River and associated tributaries as a component of the National Wild and Scenic River System, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Wekiva Wild and Scenic River Designation Act".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) Public Law 104-311 authorized the study of the Wekiva River and the associated tributaries of Rock Springs Run and Seminole Creek (including Wekiwa Springs Run and the tributary of Black Water Creek that connects Seminole Creek to the Wekiva River) for potential inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;

(2) the study referred to in paragraph (1) determined that the Wekiva River and the associated tributaries of Wekiwa Springs Run, Rock Springs Run, Seminole Creek, and Black Water Creek downstream of Lake Norris to the confluence with the Wekiva River are eligible for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System based on the free-flowing condition and outstanding scenic, recreational, fishery, wildlife, historic, cultural, and water quality values of those waterways;

(3) the public support for designation of the Wekiva River as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System has been demonstrated through substantial attendance at public meetings, State and local agency support, and the support and endorsement of designation by the Wekiva River Basin Working Group that was established by the Department of Environmental Protection of the State of Florida and represents a broad cross section of State and local agencies, landowners, environmentalists, nonprofit organizations, and recreational users;

(4) the State of Florida has demonstrated a commitment to protect the Wekiva River—

(A) by enacting Florida Statutes chapter 369, the Wekiva River Protection Act;

(B) by establishing a riparian habitat wildlife protection zone and water quality protection zone administered by the St. Johns River Water Management District;

(C) by designating the Wekiva River as outstanding Florida waters; and

(D) by acquiring State preserve, reserve, and park land adjacent to the Wekiva River and associated tributaries;

(5) Lake, Seminole, and Orange Counties, Florida, have demonstrated their commitment to protect the Wekiva River and associated tributaries in the comprehensive land use plans and land development regulations of those counties; and

(6) the segments of the Wekiva River, Rock Springs Run, and Black Water Creek described in section 3, totaling approximately 41.6 miles,

are in public ownership, protected by conservation easements, or defined as waters of the State of Florida.

SEC. 3. DESIGNATION.

Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(162) WEKIVA RIVER, WEKIWA SPRINGS RUN, ROCK SPRINGS RUN, AND BLACK WATER CREEK, FLORIDA.—

"(A) The 41.6 miles of river tributary segments in Florida, as follows:

"(i) WEKIVA RIVER, FLORIDA.—The 14.9 miles of the Wekiva River, from its confluence with the St. Johns River to Wekiwa Springs, to be administered by the Secretary in the following classifications:

"(I) From the confluence with the St. Johns River to the southern boundary of the Lower Wekiva River State Preserve, approximately 4.4 miles, as a wild river.

"(II) From the southern boundary of the Lower Wekiva River State Preserve to the northern boundary of Rock Springs Run State Reserve at the Wekiva River, approximately 3.4 miles, as a recreational river.

"(III) From the northern boundary of Rock Springs Run State Reserve at the Wekiva River to the southern boundary of Rock Springs Run State Reserve at the Wekiva River, approximately 5.9 miles, as a wild river.

"(IV) From the southern boundary of Rock Springs Run State Reserve at the Wekiva River upstream along Wekiwa Springs Run to Wekiwa Springs, approximately 1.2 miles, as a recreational river.

"(ii) ROCK SPRINGS RUN, FLORIDA.—The 8.8 miles of Rock Springs Run, from its confluence with the Wekiwa Springs Run to its headwaters at Rock Springs, to be administered by the Secretary in the following classifications:

"(I) From the confluence with Wekiwa Springs Run to the western boundary of Rock Springs Run State Reserve at Rock Springs Run, approximately 6.9 miles, as a wild river.

"(II) From the western boundary of Rock Springs Run State Reserve at Rock Springs Run to Rock Springs, approximately 1.9 miles, as a recreational river.

"(iii) BLACK WATER CREEK, FLORIDA.—The 17.9 miles of Black Water Creek from its confluence with the Wekiva River to the outflow from Lake Norris, to be administered by the Secretary in the following classifications:

"(I) From the confluence with the Wekiva River to approximately .25 mile downstream of the Seminole State Forest road crossing, approximately 4.0 miles, as a wild river.

"(II) From approximately .25 mile downstream of the Seminole State Forest road to approximately .25 mile upstream of the Seminole State Forest road crossing, approximately .5 mile, as a scenic river.

"(III) From approximately .25 mile upstream of the Seminole State Forest road crossing to approximately .25 mile downstream of the old railroad grade crossing (approximately river mile 9), approximately 4.5 miles, as a wild river.

"(IV) From approximately .25 mile downstream of the old railroad grade crossing (approximately river mile 9) upstream to the boundary of Seminole State Forest (approximately river mile 10.6), approximately 1.6 miles, as a scenic river.

"(V) From the boundary of Seminole State Forest (approximately river mile 10.6) to approximately .25 mile downstream of the State Road 44 crossing, approximately .9 mile, as a wild river.

"(VI) From approximately .25 mile downstream of State Road 44 to approximately .25 mile upstream of the State Road 44A crossing, approximately .5 mile, as a recreational river.

"(VII) From approximately .25 mile upstream of the State Road 44A crossing to approximately .25 mile downstream of the Lake Norris Road crossing, approximately 4.8 miles, as a wild river.

"(VIII) From approximately .25 mile downstream of the Lake Norris Road crossing to the outflow from Lake Norris, approximately 1.1 miles, as a recreational river.

SEC. 4. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO WEKIVA RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this Act:

(1) COMMITTEE.—The term "Committee" means the Wekiva River System Advisory Management Committee established pursuant to section 5.

(2) COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The terms "comprehensive management plan" and "plan" mean the comprehensive management plan to be developed pursuant to section 3(d) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(d)).

(3) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

(4) WEKIVA RIVER SYSTEM.—The term "Wekiva River system" means the segments of the Wekiva River, Wekiwa Springs Run, Rock Springs Run, and Black Water Creek in the State of Florida designated as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System by paragraph (161) of section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)), as added by this Act.

(b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.—

(1) USE AUTHORIZED.—In order to provide for the long-term protection, preservation, and enhancement of the Wekiva River system, the Secretary shall offer to enter into cooperative agreements pursuant to sections 10(c) and 11(b)(1) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1281(c), 1282(b)(1)) with the State of Florida, appropriate local political jurisdictions of the State, namely the counties of Lake, Orange, and Seminole, and appropriate local planning and environmental organizations.

(2) EFFECT OF AGREEMENT.—Administration by the Secretary of the Wekiva River system through the use of cooperative agreements shall not constitute National Park Service administration of the Wekiva River system for purposes of section 10(c) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1281(c)) and shall not cause the Wekiva River system to be considered as a unit of the National Park System. Publicly owned lands within the boundaries of the Wekiva River system shall continue to be managed by the agency having jurisdiction over the lands, in accordance with the statutory authority and mission of the agency.

(c) COMPLIANCE REVIEW.—After completion of the comprehensive management plan, the Secretary shall biennially review compliance with the plan and shall promptly report to the Committee on Resources of the United States House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States Senate any deviation from the plan that could result in any diminution of the values for which the Wekiva River system was designed as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

(d) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND OTHER SUPPORT.—The Secretary may provide technical assistance, staff support, and funding to assist in the development and implementation of the comprehensive management plan.

(e) FUTURE DESIGNATION OF SEMINOLE CREEK.—If the Secretary finds that Seminole Creek in the State of Florida, from its headwaters at Seminole Springs to its confluence with Black Water Creek, is eligible for designation under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.), and the owner of the property through which Seminole Creek runs notifies the Secretary of the owner's support for designation, the Secretary may designate that tributary as an additional component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. The Secretary shall publish notice of the designation in the Federal Register, and the designation shall become effective on the date of publication.

(f) LIMITATION ON FEDERAL SUPPORT.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize funding for land acquisition, facility development, or operations.